OMAHA BEE SPORTS ARE BEST

Tennis Stars Concerned Over Davis Cup's Future

Veterans Can't Hold Up Forever—Lack of Junior Raquet Wielders to Take Their Place.

By VINCENT RICHARDS.

New York, Dec. 21.—During the past season tennis experienced its greatest year. Stars from England, France, Australia, Japan and many other countries were found struggling on our courts for that world-famous trophy—the Davis cup.

America retained its supremacy. Tilden, Johnston, Williams and myself, personnel of the team, were able to hold this precious trophy against the onslaught of the Australian aggregation only after a terrible struggle.

But what of 1924 and the years to come? Is America in position to retain the international trophy after the present stars pass out of the picture? Johnston, foremost defender of the cup for the last eight years, seems to be close to the well known toboggan slide.

Certainly Big Bill Tilden cannot defend the bowl all by himself. He needs support and plenty of it, if we are to hold our place as the champion nation. It is reasonably certain that the Philadelphian will be playing championship tennis for the next three years.

Will the passing of Tilden, Johnston and Williams find America's hold on the cup passing, too? That is the question the members of the United States Lawn Tennis association will take up in detail next February at the annual meeting.

Several years ago the officials of the association started a junior development movement. It was the greatest developer of junior talent in the history of the game.

So startling was the enthusiasm manifested by the younger element that embryo titleholders started to spring up on all sides.

But of late years this movement has been allowed to die. Little or no attention has been paid to it in the last few years. The result is immediately shown in the records for the last season. Only one youngster showed any marked improvement during the season just finished. Carl Fischer, intercollegiate titleholder, is the boy referred to.

It has become almost a habit with us during the last two years to speak of the superiority of American tennis. But so far as the future is concerned, an analysis of the situation clearly shows that we are harboring a feeling that is not warranted. Unless the junior movement is kept active throughout the country in the next year or two we are likely to surrender the international cup to some other nation.

Fight Committee Adopts New Rules

New York, Dec. 21.—The New York state athletic commission's warfare upon gambling took definite form today when the ring solons adopted a new rule providing that persons caught betting or recognized as professional gamblers be barred from all boxing matches in this state.

At the same time, the commission adopted three other rules designed to minimize the opportunity for criticism of fight decisions which has been particularly apparent since the verdict by which Johnny Dundee regained the junior lightweight title from Jack Bernstein. Ringside opinion in that contest was almost unanimous in favor of Bernstein.

The new rules in this connection provide that no person be allowed to sit at the ringside on the side where the judges are seated except the timekeeper who must be at least six feet away; that no one may remain standing during the progress of a match at any club; and that no one except managers and seconds may enter the dressing rooms.

The commission did not discuss the question of mixed bouts, pointing out that no official barrier to such contests exists.

BASEBALL WARS COST

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—The cost of the Pacific Coast league baseball war, which has just been settled, was yesterday estimated at $5,000 by Harry A. Williams, president of the league, upon his return from San Francisco, where he had taken possession of the league's records.

Strand Breaks Records

Salt Lake City, Dec. 21.—Probably no other ball player in the history of the national game made more records in a season than did Paul Strand, the Salt Lake City outfielder, who will perform for Connie Mack's Athletics in 1924. Possibly some of his records have been overlooked in the shuffle, but here goes for a resume:

Strand made 325 base hits, a new world record. He bettered his own world's record of 1922 by 36 hits; led the Pacific Coast league in batting with an average of .394; was the first player in the history of the league to lead the circuit in hitting and scoring home runs two years in succession; scored 180 runs, a new world's record; batted in 187 runs, which was 47 more than his nearest competitor; made 43 home runs, which was 10 above the former Coast league record. Had 612 "accepted" chances; a new world's record. Retired 599 batsmen on fly balls, a new world's record; registered 122 extra base hits and hit for a total of 546 bases.

Mickey Walker in Bad With Commission

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21.—Mickey Walker, the welterweight champion, has placed himself in a position to be administered a severe rebuke at the hands of Newton A. K. Bugbee, New Jersey boxing commissioner, if there is authority in the state law permitting boxing exhibitions. A few months ago the champion was suspended from boxing in this state for a period of six months. This sentence of punishment followed a hearing accorded to Walker to answer a charge of "stalling" in a bout with Jimmy Jones of Ohio, in Newark.

Mickey is now charged with violating the probationary period fixed by Mr. Bugbee in that last Wednesday night in Paterson the champion put on an exhibition bout with Timmy Stapleton. It was the consensus that Walker at the hearing was granted every consideration by Mr. Bugbee, who expressed confidence in the champion, but now his ire is aroused, and the commissioner has got in touch with Attorney General McCran for advice as to what disposition should be made of Walker's action.

Damon Runyon's Column

By DAMON RUNYON.

New York, Dec. 20.—The milk-ear industry, otherwise pugilism, somewhat alarmed by the hullabaloo over the decision of the judges in the Dundee-Bernstein fight, chatters of "cures" to do away with bad decisions.

One "cure" suggested is the return to the old system of one-man decision, the referee only to decide bouts.

If you will study the history of the milk-ear industry you will learn that there was just as much dissension over one-man decisions in the old days as there has been since three men began giving decisions.

One man, three men or 10 men, there always will be dissensions in matters of opinions, whether it is in prize fighting or some other line of sport.

For a long time in New York, the "no decision" bout was in vogue.

Boxing writers expressed their opinions as to the result of contests in their papers.

It was the custom of bettors in those days to let their wagers be decided by the opinions of two out of three writers.

The boxing writers came in for just as much abuse if their opinions did not happen to suit the bettors, or the admirers of fighters, as the referee and judges nowadays.

Luis Angel Firpo, "The Wild Bull of the Pampas," offers 10,000 pesos or $3,200 in American money, for an American heavyweight to meet him in Buenos Aires for a charity.

Firpo does not specify the heavyweight, but learned enough while in America to know that no American heavyweight who will accept that sum to make the long journey to South America, is apt to cause him any pugilistic trouble.

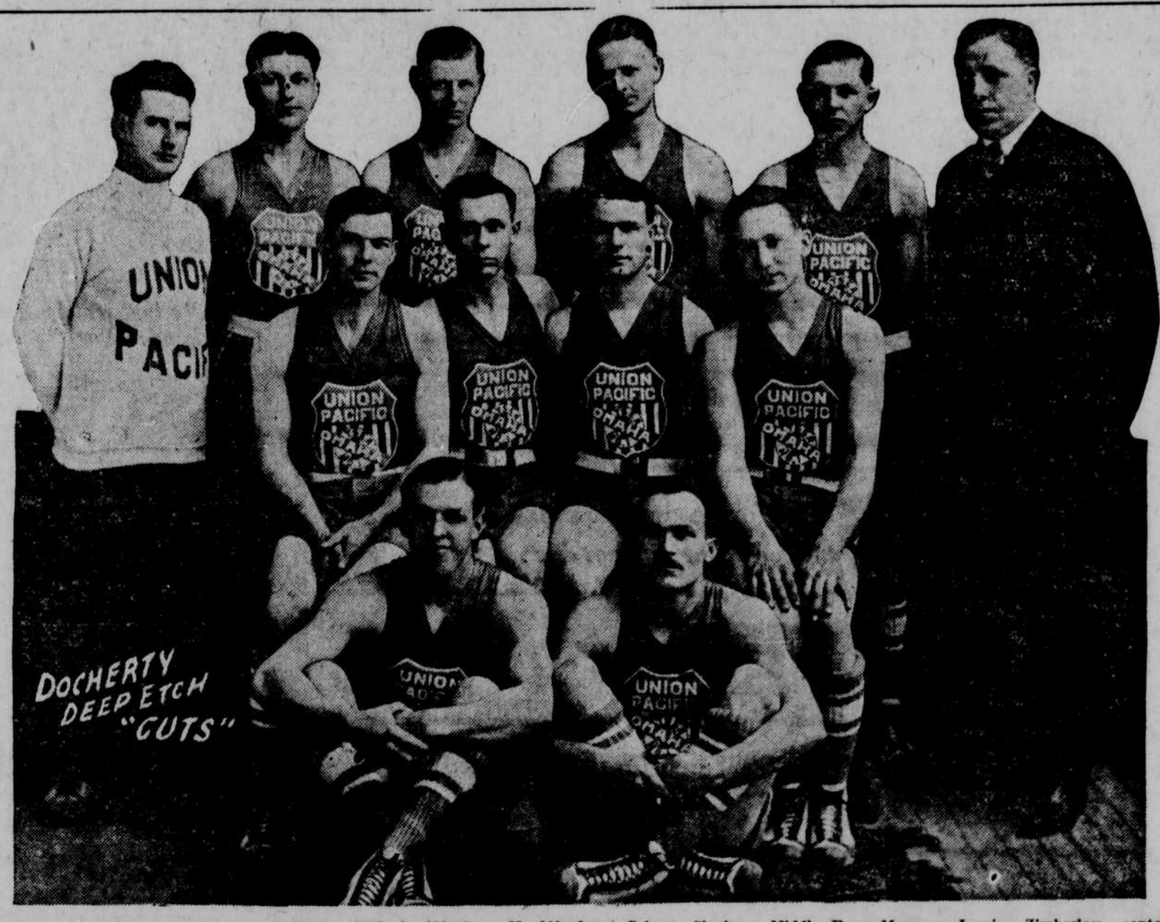
Firpo himself got more than three times the amount he offers for appearing in a charity show in America.

Ban Johnson, president of the American league, says the clubs of his organization drew 4,602,589 persons through the turnstiles in 1923.

They paid approximately $3,700,000 to see the baseball games. On this basis it is estimated that Americans paid a total of about $8,000,000 for their baseball in the two big leagues.

Fort Thomas, Ky.—Rapid Waters, Fort Thomas, easily defeated Young Jack Dillon, 10 rounds; Rustic Russell had the best of K. O. Victor of Canada, six rounds.

UNION PACIFIC BASKETEERS WHO PLAN TRIP TO WEST COAST



Back Row—Left to right: Coach White, Hill, A. Alferdson, H. Alferdson, Sekera, Vogiar. Middle Row—Manager Lewis, Zimberlay, captain; Kane, Kirk. Bottom Row—Miller, Krupa.

Believe It Or Not

SOME would-be hunters of Omaha got a cussing-out the other day. A party of regular hunters were situated in their blind in the middle

of the Platte river when a bunch of "bank hunters" came out. Bank hunters, be it known, are those who shoot at every flock that comes by, whether it is in range or not. They also shoot at flickers, snags, etc., might want to come over decoys.

and build grass nests as close to the blind in the river as possible. This makes a nice smoke or a bright flame and helps warn any ducks that

It happened that a flock of Canada geese came down the river, saw the geese decoys and started to circle. They swung just out of range a half dozen times. The boys in the river blind were calling with their own voices and doing a good job of it.

Then from the bank hunters came a wild cry. Some one of them had a patent goose call. It squeeked, snorted, bellowed and for all the world sounded like a calliope gone wild.

The geese flared and swung wide and those in the river blind rose up and handed out a new curse to river bank hunters with patented goose-calls.

Foreign Golfers in First Practice

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Leaving behind an impression that they are remarkably good golfers, Arthur Havers, British open champion, and Jimmy Ockenden, holder of the French open title, leave today for Pinehurst, N. C., to put in two days of practice before meeting Alex Ross and Joe Capell in their first exhibition match on this side of the Atlantic.

Havers and Ockenden shook their sea legs yesterday in a practice journey over the championship course of the Westchester-Biltmore club, being able to do everything except putt, as permanent greens had been abandoned for the winter. They were accompanied by Cuthbert, club pro, and J. C. Punderford, golf secretary of the club.

The British titleholder proved himself a remarkably long driver, getting 280 yards on his first shot off the tee after leaving ship. Assuming that he putted as well as he drove and approached, his card for nine holes would have approximated:

3 3 5 5 4 4 3 4 5—36.

Bill Johnston Not on Team

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Despite the absence of William M. Johnston, second national ranking tennis player and current holder of both the Wimbledon turf court and St. Cloud clay court championships, followers of tennis expect an American racquet victory in the Olympics at Paris next year.

From five men, William T. Tilden, the national champion and considered the greatest singles player in the world; Vincent Richards, who has been ranked next to Johnston; Francis T. Hunter and the veterans, Watson, Washburn and R. Norris Williams, II, an Olympic victory is expected.

Six women were named, including Mrs. Franklin I. (Molla) Mallory, former national champion, who is ineligible to represent the United States in the Olympics, as she was born in Norway. The other five are Helen Wills, the national champion; Miss Eleanora Goss, Mrs. Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman, Mrs. May Sutton Bundy and Miss Lillian Scharman.

Says Melady Still With Munn

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 21.—Stories appearing in Omaha and Lincoln newspapers stating that Gene Melady was disgusted with "Big" Munn's first two starts as a heavyweight pugilist and that he had sent Munn adrift were given a severe jolt here today.

Munn showed a local newspaperman a letter from Melady denying the truth of the stories and stating they were published without his authority.

He also urged Munn to continue training and said that he would stick with him through thick and thin.

FIGHTERS FLOCK TO SIOUX CITY

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 21.—Sioux City is rapidly becoming the Mecca of the pug. Labe Safro of Sioux Falls, S. D., is now working out here. "Puggy" Morton of Minneapolis, a lightweight, arrived here yesterday and Ace Hudkins of Lincoln, a junior lightweight, has announced that he will make this town his home. Sid Socklyn of Lincoln also is going to stay here during the winter.

Indiana Defeats Drake.

Des Moines, Dec. 20.—University of Indiana defeated Drake university in basket ball here tonight, 53 to 30, in a contest featured by raggad defense by both teams.

Suspension of Luque Possible

Havana, Dec. 21.—Whether Adolfo Luque, premier pitcher in major league basebal, will be rendered ineligible to play in the United States by reason of the fact that he is playing in the Cuban national league this winter, is a question that is being asked by followers of the game here. Twenty other professional baseball players, some Americans and others Cubans, are playing on the island this winter.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Commissioner K. M. Landis said last night that reports which had reached him that Adolfo Luque, Cincinnati National league pitcher, is playing winter baseball in Cuba, are being investigated.

The commissioner said that this year the players were allowed to play until November 10, and that if Luque played after that date it would be a violation of his contract.

Chamberlain to Play at Beatrice

Guy Chamberlain, one of the greatest football players ever developed at the University of Nebraska, who managed the Canton Bulldogs to another professional grid title this year, will return to his home state Christmas day to play with the Beatrice team against the Tecumseh American Legion at Beatrice.

The Christmas day game will be held under the auspices of the Beatrice Baseball association and money from the contest will be used to strengthen the Blues' 1924 ball club.

Besides Chamberlain, the Beatrice team will have in its lineup Purdy, Hubka, Scherer, Weller, Day, Peterson, McGlasson, Mathews, Berquist and Swanson. All with the exception of Purdy are former university of Nebraska grid stars.

Shaw, Bassett and Thompson, former Husker athletes, will appear in the Tecumseh lineup.

Golf Associations Deny Press Report

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Publication in a Chicago newspaper of a story to the effect that consolidation of the United States Golf association and the Western Golf association might be considered at the annual meeting of the U. S. G. A., at New York, next month, today brought denial from the presidents of both bodies.

President Frederic Byers of the U. S. G. A. said that no such subject would be taken up at the annual meeting of his organization, while President Charles O. Pfeil of the Western association denied that he had expressed approval of such an amalgamation.

Similar reports were printed before the meeting recently of the Western Golf association, only to be met with denials and to be proved erroneous when the meeting passed without any reference to consolidation.

Hastings Revises Cage Schedule

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 21.—Hastings has announced a change in its basket ball schedule. The boys are put through practice every day and everything is in readiness for the first game. Coach Newman will remain here most of the Christmas vacation.

The schedule is as follows:

January 1, Alliance, here; January 4, Clay Center, there; January 9, Geneva, here; January 11, Kearney, there; January 19, McCook, here; January 25, Columbus, there; January 26, Fremont, there; January 30, Superior, here; February 2, Crete, here; February 8, Beatrice, here; February 15, Lincoln, there; February 16, York, there; February 22, North Platte, here; February 27, Sutton, here; February 29, Omaha Central, there.

PUT to put Omaha on the basket ball map, Coach White and his 10 Union Pacific Shop Employes' cage team are already rounding into mid season form for their trip to the Pacific coast.

The U. P. team of this city, besides joining the Independent Basket Ball league of Omaha, is a member of the Union Pacific league, which consists of teams located along the entire system of the railroad to Seattle. The Omahans play at Cheyenne, Wyo., on December 31 and from there journey westward.

Coach "Doc" White of the U. P. basketeers is a former professional basketballer of Cleveland, O.

The Turf

Thursday's Results.

TIAJUANA.

First race: One mile and 70 yards:
The Desert, 111 (E. Fator)....7.40 4.20 2.60
Toombecla, 106 (O'Donnell).....3.60 2.40
Double Van, 106 (Mein).....2.80
Time: 1:48 2-5. Olympiad, Every Woman, Caunsel, Jolly Sailor, Mr. X. and Doves Roost also ran.

Second race: One and one-sixteenth miles:
Peter Pierson, 99 (Wood)....6.20 3.80 3.20
Bacchus, 106 (Baker).....12.80 6.40
Scraps, 104 (McKnight).....7.20
Time: 1:52 1-5. Jorgam, Cavalcadour II, The Wag, Rusticator and Sea Mint also ran.

Third race: Six furlongs:
Little Clair, 112 (Sharpe)... 6.60 4.40 3.40
xChestnut Girl, 99 (Wood)..... 8.40 3.20
Wiki Jack, 112 (Horn).....2.40
Time: 1:16. Little Thistle, Settee, xOvershot, Pretty Molly, xCharlotte B., Sabra Memory, Jean Melville, xWhiff, Convent and xGrass Finisher also ran.

Fourth race: Five and one-half furlongs:
Spread Eagle, 117 (Lavine).10.20 5.20 2.80
Lizette, 107 (Doyle).....4.20 3.20
Tiksh, 112 (Mein).....4.80
Time: 1:09. Pavlowa, Dick Terpin, Mannikin II and Little Black Sheep also ran.

Fifth race: Six furlongs:
Ten Buttons, 104 (Clark).....7.20 3.60 out
Jack Bauer, 101 (Wood).....6.00 out
Bullet Proof, 109 (Sharpe).....out
Time: 1:14 2-5. The Dictator and Bayonet also ran.

Sixth race: One mile and 70 yards:
Devonite, 107 (McKnight)....7.80 3.60 2.40
Monardella, 104 (Walls).....5.20 5.00
Dainty Lady, 106 (Clark).....5.00
Time: 1:48 2-5. Boonerville, Apricot, Dr. Gilbert and Theresa also ran.

Seventh race: Five and one-half furlongs:
San Hedron, 109 (Neal)..412.00 40.60 17.00
Icon, 112 (Wood).....4.40 2.20
Dapper Dan, 114 (O'Donnell).....4.80
Time: 1:10. xSeven Seas, xMy Laddie, Van Loo, xHobey Baker, Dunsandel, xWelga, Yukon and Careen also ran.
xField.

NEW ORLEANS.

First race: 6 furlongs:
Warren Lynch, 112 (C. Lang) 6-1 2-1 even
Great Northern, 106 (Fronk) 3-1 3-2
Dwory, 99 (Leyland).....3-1
Time: 1:20. Frontiersman, Uncle Abe, Don Juan, Double Shot, Quinham, Randolph, Buelman, Henry S. also ran.

Second race: 5½ furlongs:
Anticipate, 112 (Martin) 5-1 6-5 2-5
Dentaria, 109 (McDermott) 6-1 2-1
Fillberty Gibbet, 112 (Mangan) 4-5
Time: 1:12 3-5. Mt. Hope, Mickey Moore, Old Blue, Toddy Toast, Monsoon, Propaganda, Fleer, Avalanche, Assume also ran.

Third race: 5½ furlongs:
James F. O'Hara, 109 (Parke) even 2-5 out
Caligula, 110 (C. Lang).....7-10 1-5
Hidden Jewel, 114 (J. Corcoran) 1-3
Time: 1:10 3-5. Hughes Graham also ran.

Fourth race: Mile:
Delante, 103 (Lee).....9-5 7-10 1-4
Post Haste, 107 (Wallace).....4-5 1-2
Lord Granite, 103 (Fronk).....1-2
Time: 1:45. Tender eth, Dust About also ran.

Fifth race: 6 furlongs:
Reg Pardon, 112 (J. Parke) ..5-1 5-2 6-5
Dr. Joe, 113 (C. Lang) 4-1 2-1
Carnarvon, 112 (Kaiser) 8-5
Time: 1:18 2-5. Lord Allen, Charles Henry, Florence Deen, Sling, Herald, Far East, Drummond also ran.

Sixth race: 1 1-16 miles:
Freezy Sneezy, 102 (L. Lang) 5-1 8-5 4-5
Smarty, 108 (Wallace) 4-1 8-5
Basilic, 111 (Parke) 1-6
Time: 1:54. Spuks, Waywassame, St. Donard, Little Ammie also ran.

New Orleans—Local pugilistic circles have it that Firpo, the Argentine giant, and Martin Burke will meet in a bout here next March.

6Buenos Aires—Luis Firpo will sign articles within a day or two for a fight with the Italian heavyweight, Erminio Spalla, the end of February, it is understood.

Paris—Charles Ledoux, the French bantamweight, told a representative of L'Auto that after meeting Edouard Mascart, the new European featherweight champion, he planned to sail for the United States, probably about April, where he knew several fights awaited him.

Walter Camp Receives Panning on All-American Selections

New York, Dec. 21.—Football coaches of Syracuse, Colgate, Cornell and Bucknell united in scoring the annual all-American gridiron selections of Walter Camp, which have been made public.

Their comments follow:

By Chick Meehan, Syracuse university grid coach:

"I believe that a better first team could be named than the one selected by Mr. Camp. Right here in Syracuse we had an end in Pete MacRae, who surely deserved a berth on the first team this fall. I surely would rank Jim Welsh of Colgate as a better guard than Bedenk of Penn State. There are several other gridmen whom I think deserved first place on the first team in the places of several men put there by Mr. Camp."

By Gil Dobie, coach of Cornell's unbeaten team:

"I never like to make any comment on all-American teams. I never pick them. It is a custom that works an injustice on many excellent players. It is not plausible that the eleven best players can be picked by any individual."

By Dick Harlow, coach of Colgate's football team:

"It is to laugh. Frankly, I don't think the team is a world beater. I would like to see Jim Welsh, whom I consider about the best lineman I have ever seen in a football suit, playing a quarter of a football game against each of the four guards picked by Walter Camp on his first two teams. I have talked with many persons, and all say Pete MacRae of Syracuse was the best end they had seen in years."

By C. W. P. (Pete) Reynolds, coach of Bucknell's football team:

"I would not go upon any housetop and shout that Walter Camp's team is a good one. As a matter of fact I think that it is one of the poorest of the poor teams he picked. I can't quite agree with him on many of his selections."

Fight Career Nears End

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Joe Burman Chicago featherweight, will fight three more battles and then hang up the gloves for good, promoters said today.

Burman meets Johnny McCoy, Cleveland, at Blue Island, Ill., tonight, and fights Ernie Goozeman at Milwaukee December 28.

He will tour the world with his mother, it is said.

Four Veterans in Central Lineup

Position of Center Is Still Doubtful—Interclass Teams Are Showing Form.

Central High school will be represented in the basket ball this winter by four experienced players who have displayed consistent form in floor work and basket shooting since practice opened several weeks ago. The center position is still doubtful, however, and Coach Hill has been working hard to find a man to fill this opening. Three veterans have almost cinched their respective berths on the squad.

Wallace Marrow, the Purple flashy forward, is an adept basket shooter. Marrow has defended the Central colors for two consecutive years, and again will be seen holding down one of the forward positions. Marrow was a tower of strength on last year's quintet, and is expected to be the star performer of the squad.

The guard positions are now in the capable hands of Philip Gerelick, a member of last year's team, and Vincent Lawson, who also was a member of last year's squad. Gerlick is a fine player on the defense.

The fourth veteran of the team is Manny Robertson of gridiron fame. Manny is a valuable man on the defense, besides being a clever hoop artist.

The interclass teams at Central are showing real mid-season ability in locating the basket. The juniors are apt to have the best team in the field this year.

Christmas Races for Culver City

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—With flags flying the bangtails will be off at the Culver City race track here on Christmas day.

Dick Ferris, who conceived the idea of betless races for the Culver City track and who will try and put it over, has completed negotiations for completion of the $250,000 track in time for opening on December 25. Luther H. Mayo, president of the Mayo Construction company, has agreed to complete the track in time for the Christmas day opening, it is announced.

New York Claims Seven Fight Champs

New York, Dec. 21.—The close of pugilism's championship program for 1923 finds seven of the 11 recognized crowns in possession of products of New York's fistic school.

Johnny Dundee, veteran Italian boxer, holds two titles, the featherweight and junior lightweight, while other New Yorkers at the top of various classes are Frankie Genaro, American flyweight; Joe Lynch, bantamweight; Benny Leonard, lightweight; Mike McTigue, world's light heavyweight, and Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight.

Pancho Villa, world's flyweight king, resides in New York, though he began his fighting career in the Philippines, while Mickey Walker of Elizabeth, N. J., won his welterweight title here.

Football Big Help, Griffith

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Some nations have their revolutions, while America has its football to give vent to the energies of young men, John L. Griffith, commissioner of athletics for the western conference, concludes after a resume of the 1923 gridiron season, showing a great extension of the sport.

How general football battles have become in this country can be seen from the fact that at least 15,000 school and college teams were organized, over 100,000 games played and 500,000 boys participated on one of the organized squads, Major Griffith said.

"Who will say,' he inquired, "that the football season of 1923 has not helped in making a more virile, courageous and sportsmanlike citizenship?"

Cage Playing Code to Be at Stake

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—The future of the basket ball playing code may depend on the cage program to be staged here December 27, under the auspices of the Big Ten club of Cleveland. Three games are on the program, with University of Pennsylvania and Ohio State participating in the principal event.

Members of the rules committee and representatives from the intercollegiate league, the western conference, the southern conference, Ohio conference and other associations interested in the welfare of basket ball will attend the carnival to gather data which may play an important part in changing the code, it was announced tonight.

Among those who will attend the carnival, is was said, are Ralph Morgan of Pennsylvania, member of the rules committee; William M. Barber, president of the Eastern Collegiate league; Thomas Thorpe, dean of eastern basket ball officials, and John Schommer of the western conference.

That an accurate estimate may be obtained, Thorpe will referee the opening half of the Ohio State-Penn game, with Schommer acting as umpire. They will reverse positions in the second half. Under that method, it was pointed out, the teams will play under interpretations of the present rules as govern play both in the east and middle west.

The findings of the officials will be reported to the joint rules committee.

S. C. Works Hard for Central

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 21.—Pinkey Greene, former Ames basket ball star, is working wonders with the Sioux City High school team. The preps are working hard under his tutelage and will be ready to give Omaha Central, Fort Dodge, Council Bluffs and Sioux Falls a stiff battle. The team looks to be the strongest developed here for a long time.

FLASHES from SPORT WORLD

Seatle, Wash.—Fears that Ed Kuhn, tackle and captain-elect, and Lee Sherman, premier quarterback, may not be in the lineup of the University of Washington against the United States naval academy at Pasadena New Year's day, were expressed here yesterday.

New York—Columbia and Harvard will meet in a rowing regatta at Cambridge May 10, in the first competition on the water between them in so many years that authorities at Morningside Heights were unable to ascertain exactly when they stroked against each other.

Paris—Suzanne Lenglen has agreed to represent France in the Olympic tennis matches, says L'Auto today.

Springfield—Pitcher Dutch Kemmer of the Muskogee club of the Western association has been sold to Oklahoma City of the Western league for $5,000, M. A. Barbour of the Muskogee team announced today.

Chicago—Hopes of Northwestern university for a national swimming contest were lessened when Bob Skelton, world's champion breast stroke swimmer and a Northwestern student, and three other students were suspended for two weeks

Iowa City—The University of Iowa basket ball squad, which disbanded following the Cornell game Tuesday, will number only 12 men when practice will be resumed December 27. It was the first cut made by Coach Sam Barry this season, and it may be the last, although the Hawkeye mentor may reduce the squad to 10—the number he kept throughout last season.

Minneapolis—Nearly 1,000 of the men students at the University of Minnesota took part in organized athletics last year, it is shown by the official report of the university senate committee on intercollegiate athletics.

Chicago—Reports that proposed consolidation of the United States Golf association and the Western Golf association might be considered at the annual meeting of the U. S. G. A. at New York next month are without foundation, presidents of both bodies say.

Brooklyn—Italian Joe Gans, Brooklyn, and Phil Krug, Harrison, N. J., fought a draw, 12 rounds.

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